

The Wetaskiwin

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WETASKIWIN, ALBERTA

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SALUTATORY.

In making our humble bow to the citizens of Wetaskiwin and surrounding country, introduced ourselves and The Wetaskiwin Times, we wish to do so in the most courteous manner possible. We do not want to say too much or be too reserved, but be just free from blame as it is possible an editor to be. It is easier to say too much than to say too little, therefore it is wise in many cases to bridle the tongue.

In the first place, we tender thanks for kind favors bestowed and state that we are encouraged by the bright prospects held out in starting up a little paper in Wetaskiwin, believing that it is a good opening, and we are doing so from a feeling of obligation but as a matter of business.

When we say that there is no opening in the town for a live newspaper, local paper, we believe what we state, although it has been tried before and did not prove success. It must be considered that Wetaskiwin was not the live business place it now is. It now has a place among the names of the go-ahead towns of Alberta, and admitted to be "the largest town and doing much more business than any other town, between Calgary and Edmonton. The merchants are up-to-date business men, carrying large stocks, and selling goods cheap. We have better markets, a different class of people than formerly, they are now a reading public, and are asking for more literary advantages. The whole aspect of affairs has changed.

Wetaskiwin is one of the best openings for a local paper of any town in the Northwest Territories. We have come to stay, brought our little all with us, have installed a newspaper and job plant of new material, and hope to prosper, at the same time advance the town a step.

In the matter of job work, we are in a position to do any class of work, in any color, from a large sale bill to the smallest card, and our prices will be found most reasonable, as we will not allow any city or town to do better work or at closer cut prices. The subscription price of The Times is \$1 a year in advance, the popular price for a popular paper, and we will give value for the dollar. We think that the merchants will get better advertising rates and much better returns for about the money that is now paid, and be better served in many ways. The town will be brought to the front and placed before the world in its proper light, and both citizens and business men and the town will be benefited by the undertaking.

The Times will take no share in party politics. We leave that to the city party papers. Its single aim will be the promotion of the welfare of Wetaskiwin and the rural district. Measures having this end in view will have its hearty support, irrespective of the political complexion of the party by whom they may be promulgated.

The columns of The Times will be open for all free discussion of the leading questions of the day and we invite public opinion, but nothing personal or abusive will be published, or articles inserted when the name of the writer has not been affixed thereto, as a guarantee of good faith. In every laudable means we will uphold our town.

We are here to stay and solicit the hearty co-operation of all in order that The Times may be a success, and with the assistance of our friends we hope to give a paper of which the citizens of Wetaskiwin will not be ashamed.

Less Hopes! For Himself.
George, the colored janitor, needed some money and went to the church treasurer for it.

"There isn't a cent in my hands just now, George," said that officer, "and won't be till next Sunday's collections are handed over. Can't you wait till then?"

"Don't see how I kin, Mistab Gub-ber," persisted George. "K'ya'n't run de house widout money."

"The best I can do for you," returned the treasurer, "will be to advance you \$3 out of my own pocket and run my risk of getting it back from the church."

"Well, sub," solemnly rejoined the janitor, "if you don't git it back 'n' de church, Mistab Gubber, you'll git yo' reward to de good world, but it's diff'nt wid me. Ef I can't git dat free dollars f'm you, I'd like t' know w'ad I kin?"

Pale, sickly children should use Mother Gray's Worm Exterminator. Worms are one of the principal causes of suffering in children and should be expelled from the system.

There are the diamond tips of sorrow.

Many a sickly fly has spoiled a healthy appetite.

Miner's Lament Cures Diphtheria.

A pessimist is never happy unless he is unhappy.

The fewer steps a man takes the longer his shoes last.

Things are usually what they seem to be to the dreamer.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one remedy. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed, you have a running ear, which is often boring, and when it is entirely closed, deafness results. The result is that the ear is not taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition. It will be destroyed for ever, unless cases out of ten are caused by surgery, which is nothing but an indicated case of the mucous surface.

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A bad horse is like a poor play. It can't run and it won't draw.

Miner's Lament Cures Diphtheria.

An extravagant man is always reaching out for money to his wife.

Mr. Groves has a fine lot of building timber all ready to put together. He intends to build a fine house, Mr. Groves and his boys are rustlers and are bound to get there.

Albert Lawson is also tearing things to pieces. He intends to do a lot of fencing and general improving all round the house. He has a fine house and we think he would provide himself with a cook. What think you Albert?

The school meeting, held in the Pipestone Dist. on the 14th, turned out to be a double header, two meetings between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock on the same day. However, everything is progressing nicely, and we will have a school in the near future.

Mr. Dunne McPhail is very busy fencing, having his posts set last fall and during the last week he has been putting on the rails. Mr. McPhail is a worker and delights in improving. If we all do our share and do it well, it will not be long until this vicinity will grow into beauty and prosperity.

Mr. Fred Burger is now nicely located on the river, Mr. Burger is one of those thrifty farmers from the east and knows what he is doing and judging from what we have seen of him think he is a man that knows what to do and how to do it. He has a very nice place and with very little fixing up will also have an estate that one might be proud of.

Mr. Frank Fee is home from Wetaskiwin, where he has been for some time building a stage and putting in scenery. Mr. Fee has commenced to build his barn, and has been in the way to build a handsome house on his beautiful estate. His beautiful ground overlooks the valley where flows the bold little Pipestone River a few rods from his ground. This estate is known by the name of Poulton Park. It is Mr. Fee's intention to fence the whole estate, and keep fancy cattle and hogs and poultry of all kinds. He says it will take some time to get things just the way he wants them, but we will have seen of Mr. Fee's ability, we know his estate will grow into beauty under his artistic touch.

If you like this copy of The Times, send for it at once. Only \$1.00 for a year.

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If your grocer does not keep it he will get it rather than lose your trade.

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A free sample of delicious SALADA Tea sent on receipt of postal mentioning which you drink—Black, Mixed or Green Tea. Address "SALADA," Toronto or Montreal.



Twentieth Annual Statement

—OF THE—

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE Assurance Company.

HEAD OFFICE: 112-118 KING STREET
WEST, TORONTO.

For the Year Ended December, 31st, 1900.

Dec. 30, 1899. To net Ledger Assets..... \$3,036,710 21

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 31, 1900. To Cash for Premiums..... \$22,029 00
To Cash Income on Investments, Etc..... \$1,005,970 55
\$23,054 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 31, 1900. By Payment for Death Claims, Profits, etc..... \$504,679 00
By all other Payments..... 261,438 30
\$766,117 30

ASSETS.

Dec. 31, 1900. By Mortgages, etc..... \$1,582,389 92
By Debentures (market value \$729,199 47)..... 729,199 47
By Stocks and Bonds (market value \$1,661,680 00)..... 1,661,680 00
By Real Estate, including Company's building..... 380,751 79
By Loans on Policies, etc..... 238,719 88
By Loans on Stocks (nearly all on call)..... 91,560 00
By Cash in Banks and on Hand..... 16,472 93
\$7,772,508 96

" Premiums outstanding, etc. (less cost of collection)..... 163,071 16
" Interest and rents due and accrued..... 60,084 59
\$7,995,664 83

LIABILITIES.

Dec. 31, 1900. To Guarantee Fund..... \$ 60,000 00
Assurance and Annuity Reserve..... 3,362,729 00
" Death Losses awaiting proofs, etc..... \$4,262 44
\$3,426,991 44

Net Surplus..... \$506,192 39

Audited and found correct. J. N. LAKE, Auditor.

The financial position of the Company is unexcelled—its percentage of net surplus to liabilities exceeds that of any other Home Company.

New Insurance issued during 1900..... \$ 4,163,150 00
Exceeding the best previous year (except one) in the history of the Company..... \$ 4,163,150 00
Insurance in force at end of 1900 (net)..... \$ 2,833,061 00

second commandment, and I broke the trail home from the iron bridge. Buy a Ban wagon and ride. Boh.

Additional Town Topics

Father Dubois made a business trip south last week.

Ruttie & Son have sold their two half sections and ranch to Benj. Hillgard, of Iowa, for a good figure.

Misses Daisy and Kathleen Barnard of Bitter Lake, were the guests of Miss May O'Brien on Tuesday.

H. Olsen, who was laid off duty for several days with an attack of the grippe, has resumed his position as clerk in Heric & Co.'s store.

At the meeting of the A.O.U.W. last Tuesday evening, seven new members were initiated. There have been several members initiated recently.

Tenders are being advertised for the conveyance of His Majesty's mail between Wetaskiwin and Bitter Lake post offices. Tenders close on Friday, April 19th.

Owing to the school being closed for the past two weeks, as a precaution against the spread of the alleged smallpox, the principal of our school, R. E. Holbrook is visiting Edmonton friends.

The Rev. Dr. Sparling, principal of Wesley College who is returning in Alberta in the interests of the college, delivered a very successful address in the Methodist church on Thursday evening of last week. The collection amounted to \$15.50.

R. L. Rushton purchased a car load of oats last Saturday from J. W. Harrison, which averaged over 90 bushels to the acre and weighed 55 lbs. to the bushel. This is only one of the many big crops which were grown last season in this district.

T. Feecey, who has been quarantined for about two weeks with the alleged smallpox, is now in excellent health and high spirits. There have been no further developments of the disease lately the quarantine will soon be raised from the district.

Adolph Roth, who arrived here on Monday from Hartington, Neb., has purchased Jacob Bosky's improved farm, about 4 miles northwest of town for \$1300. Mr. Roth is delighted with the country, and climate and says he will make this his future home.

to-day and everything points towards immediate organization.

A large immigration tent has been erected on Mc Donald St. It is 60x30 feet, and the floor is raised about two feet from the ground. It is nicely fitted up with stove, furniture, etc., and the many new comers will find it very comfortable.

Communication.

The columns of The Times are always open for discussion of public questions, but we do not necessarily endorse the sentiments advanced by the correspondents.

To the Editor of The Times:

DEAR SIR, I write you all as people." Public attention should be drawn to the fact that all games of chance are punishable by either fine or imprisonment; according to the enactments of the legislature of the Dominion of Canada, such as raffles or lotteries come under that head it might be well to voice a note of warning to any person or persons contemplating any such transaction, to Mr. Donald St. It is extreme penalty according to statute is a \$2000 fine or two years' imprisonment. And any person buying a ticket can, on conviction, be fined \$25. Last spring we were pestered by solicitors offering for sale tickets—for instance, for a canoe worth probably \$800, or any-be a gold pen, or any other thing that happened to be of any value to the owner. If it is evident that unless these "games of chance" were evil they would not be legislated against. We have a vivid illustration of the evil in the fact that that kind, which allowed a person to receive \$50 or \$30, or I believe more, for an animal worth approximately half that sum—and yet he possessed the animal. "What fools some mortals be!"

I have been given to understand that legal action will be taken if any more of that sort of thing goes on.

A CITIZEN OF THE VILLAGE.

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AUCTION SALE

AT ALBERT GEER'S,
2 miles south of Lewisville,

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th, 1901.

55 Head Cattle, 12 Horses
3 Fine Brood Sows,
Implements, Etc.

TERMS:—All amounts of \$50 and under cash; over \$50 in 10 days; over \$100 in 30 days; over \$1000 in 60 days. A deposit of \$100 to be made at the time of sale.

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